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Dear Friend:

Last week, I introduced two City Council motions aimed at curbing consumer fraud in Los Angeles. The need to take urgent action became apparent when I learned about the massive deception perpetrated by Wells Fargo at the expense of its customers. Because the City of Los Angeles is one of Wells Fargo's customers, my first [motion](#) instructs the city's Office of Finance to investigate whether or not the banking giant defrauded the city by creating fake bank accounts in the city's name, as happened to tens of thousands of unsuspecting individuals. The motion also ensures that the city won't pay unnecessary bank fees from bad actors.

The breadth of Wells Fargo's fraud is simply staggering. We need to know exactly how it has impacted our city and whether it has compromised taxpayer funds. My motion says, in part: "While the focus of the investigations has rightly been on the consumer banking division of Wells Fargo, the bank also employs a significant staff and sales force dedicated to commercial and institutional customers, one of which is the City of Los Angeles. Given the nature and egregiousness of the offenses involved, the disregard for the law among Wells Fargo staff, and the potentially significant impact of the banking fees involved in phantom accounts, it makes sense to investigate whether the sales staff in the commercial banking division of Wells Fargo was similarly pressured to add products to customers, including the city's bank accounts."

The Wells Fargo scandal also shows the importance of expanding the critical consumer protection work our City Attorney is doing, which is why I also introduced a [motion](#) to add more attorneys and staff to the office's consumer protection unit to investigate bank fraud and other similar violations of public trust. City Attorney Feuer's office successfully uncovered Wells Fargo's fraud and worked with federal authorities to hold them accountable for their outrageous misdeeds. The experience has illustrated precisely why his office needs more staff and resources to continue this essential work on behalf of the residents of Los Angeles. In addition to focusing on bank fraud, I have asked that the expanded consumer protection unit continue protecting renters, seniors and disabled people, preventing wage theft in minority communities and enforcing the Talent Scam Prevention Act. Find out more about the city's consumer protection efforts [here](#).

As always, if you have comments or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me: [paul.krekorian@lacity.org](mailto:paul.krekorian@lacity.org) or (213) 473-7002.

Very truly yours,



Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

## TOP STORIES

**LAPD, Krekorian Seek Public Help in  
Studio City and NoHo Hit-and-Run Crimes**



**LAPD is looking for George Ronald Nicoletti (pictured) and a 1998 Saturn in the hit-and-run death of Valley resident Rob Meurer. | Photo: LAPD**

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Police Department is seeking information about a person of interest in a hit-and-run case that killed musician and Studio City resident Rob Meurer on Sept. 24. The LAPD has identified person of interest as George Ronald Nicoletti, who allegedly hit Meurer on Moorpark Street when Meurer was crossing the road, fled the scene and did not stop to render aid. Police are searching for a tan, four-door 1998 Saturn S-Series with California license plate 6HAY595.

The police are also seeking information about a Sept. 27 hit-and-run accident involving North Hollywood resident Patricia Richson, who was crossing Burbank Boulevard northbound in her wheelchair when a white 2010-2013 Ford Transit Van smashed into her. Patricia was seriously injured and later died at the hospital. The cowardly driver who hit her failed to stop and did absolutely nothing to help her.

If you have information about either of these crimes, please contact the LAPD's Valley Traffic Division at (818) 644-8037. If you wish to remain anonymous, call LA Crime Stoppers by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website [lacrimestoppers.org](http://lacrimestoppers.org) and clicking "Submit a Tip."

Please help find people who committed these crimes. There is a \$50,000 reward for tips

leading to the capture and conviction of the people responsible for each of them.

## **Community Notice: Temporary Closures as NoHo Metro Parking Lot Gets an Upgrade**



**NORTH HOLLYWOOD** - This month, Metro is repaving and restriping the North Hollywood Station Park and Ride lot, which needs an upgrade. The project will take place from Oct. 7 to Oct. 31 in six separate phases, with parking availability limited in different areas at different

times. The parking lot will not close entirely at any time during the work, but there will be reduced access, so please plan your travel accordingly.



Additional parking is available at the Universal City/Studio City Metro station:  
3901 Lankershim Blvd. or 10820 Ventura Blvd., Studio City 91604.

**Help Whitnall Dog Park Win a Makeover**



NORTH HOLLYWOOD - Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park is one of four Los Angeles area dog parks vying for a \$20,000 makeover donated by the Beneful Dream Dog Park Project. A makeover would help turn this great community asset into an incredible dog park.

Right now, Whitnall is sitting in second place, but it is a tight race and your votes will help it grab the top spot. Please [vote here](#) once a day, every day from now until November 1, and be sure post your support for Whitnall on Twitter and Instagram. For more information and to vote, [click here](#). This is one election in which you can vote early and often!

## CITY SPOTLIGHT

### New Electricity Transmission Line Brings Renewable Power to LA Homes



LOS ANGELES - This week, the LADWP marked the completion of the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project, a 62-mile double-circuit transmission line and a 230 kV Haskell Switching Station that will bring renewable wind and solar energy from the Tehachapi Mountains and Mojave Desert areas to Los Angeles.

The clean solar and wind electricity produced by operations in the Tehachapi Mountains and Mojave Desert and delivered by Barren Ridge will power more than 25,000 homes in Los Angeles. Barren Ridge will provide customers access to approximately 1,000 megawatts of wind and solar power.



The Barren Ridge projects marks a major step in LA's path to 100 percent renewable energy, a path charted by Councilmember's Krekorian and Bonin ([read about it here](#)). The project will help Los Angeles meet local and state mandates to reduce environmental impacts associated with climate change and to increase the amount of renewable energy served to customers. LADWP must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and increase the supply of renewable energy--such as wind and solar power--to 33 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2030.

Construction of the \$300 million Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Corridor project is a complex engineering effort that took over eight years to plan, design, and construct with the contributions of 400 employees, contractors and other support personnel. The project erected 306 lattice towers and nine monopoles, and used approximately 16 million pounds of steel on towers--enough steel to manufacture 4,000 cars.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### The Federal Bar: NoHo's Neighborhood Hangout



**Councilmember Krekorian presented Federal Bar's General Manager Steve Simon with a certificate of recognition for its years of serving the community. | CD2**

NOHO ARTS DISTRICT - If you are familiar with the North Hollywood Arts District, then you've surely heard about and probably sampled the fine eats and spirits at the Federal Bar on Lankershim and Weddington. The Federal Bar has been serving up quality American cuisine for years and is recognized as a hip staple of this bustling East San Fernando Valley neighborhood.

This month's *Lunch with Paul* brought dozens of diners to the Federal Bar, all of whom came to eat good food and talk about the good things happening in the community. If you are looking for a cool, inviting place to eat, drink or host a party, the Federal Bar should be at the top of your list.

For more information about the Federal Bar, click here: <http://nh.thefederalbar.com/>

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



**Councilmember Krekorian met with Sherman Oaks Girl Scouts Troop 6396. | Photo: CD2**



**Councilmember Krekorian attended the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project awards ceremony, which honored Councilwoman Nury Martinez and other "Champions of Choice." | Photo: CD2**



Councilmember Krekorian joined Charter Local Edition host Brad Pomerance to discuss [Measure M](#), the public transit measure on November's ballot. | Photo: CD2

## EVENTS



**Trans Voter Empowerment Event**  
**Saturday, Oct. 8, 1:30 p.m.**  
**501 N. Main Street**  
**Los Angeles**

Trans Voter Empowerment will bring people together to educate the Trans community about voting rights and help get out the vote for the upcoming November election. This event is supported by the City of Los Angeles Transgender Advisory Council. For more information, email [hrcinfo@lacity.org](mailto:hrcinfo@lacity.org).



**LA Historic Neighborhoods Conference**  
**Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm**  
**St. John's Cathedral**



**514 W. Adams Blvd. (at Figueroa)  
Los Angeles**

The Department of City Planning and the Los Angeles Conservancy invite you to sign up for the LA Historic Neighborhoods Conference. This year's theme is "community character," with sessions focused on neighborhood conservation tools, re:code LA, community engagement and more. The registration fee (only \$30 if you register by October 14, or \$35 at the door) covers all conference activities, including morning refreshments, lunch and walking tours. To register, visit [www.laconservancy.org/neighborhoods](http://www.laconservancy.org/neighborhoods).



**Village Run/Walk 5K  
Sunday, Oct. 16, 7 a.m.  
LA Valley College, Parking Lot A  
5800 Fulton Ave.  
Valley Glen**

Join the Village Family Services, Valley Village and Councilmember Paul Krekorian for the third annual Village Run/Walk 5K, a San Fernando Valley Community event that raises awareness and resources for two essential human service nonprofits. Visit [www.villagerunwalk.org](http://www.villagerunwalk.org) for more information and to register for this year's event.



**Lung Force Walk Studio City  
Saturday, Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Road Runner Sports Studio City  
12115 Ventura Blvd.  
Studio City**

Join the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE Walk to raise critical funds for the fight against lung cancer and for lung health awareness. This free, family-friendly event will be a great way to get involved and make a difference. For more information and how to register visit <http://bit.ly/2dlowKU>.



**East Valley Emergency Preparedness Summit  
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m.  
LA Valley College, Monarch Hall  
5800 Fulton Ave.  
Valley Glen, 91401**

Are you prepared for the next natural disaster? What should you do



in an active shooter situation? Join Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and David Ryu, and the North Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board for an emergency preparedness workshop and training session. Learn how to respond to an emergency or disaster situation, including guidance for how to address an active shooter scenario.

To RSVP, visit [bit.ly/CD2prepare](http://bit.ly/CD2prepare).



**Community Ballot Proposition Discussion**  
**Friday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.**  
**St. Andrew and St. Charles Episcopal Church**  
**16651 Rinaldi Street**  
**Granada Hills, 91344**

The SAGE Society, a senior-learning-in-retirement organization, is sponsoring a special election forum. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Fran Lapides of the League of Women Voters will present the League's quick and easy *Pros and Cons* to guide voters on how to make sense of the issues. The League's policy is not to recommend any candidate or proposition, but to provide information. For more information, contact Myra Cohen (818) 363-0122.

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